

Please add the following new claims:

Q² 17. (New) A dielectric filter claimed in claim 3 characterized in disposing a metal rod contacting with said cut-off waveguide by one end in parallel with a side surface of said dielectric resonator in the position distant by a predetermined amount from said side surface and having a composition in which resonant frequency of each resonance and an amount of coupling between resonators is adjustable.

18. (New) A dielectric filter claimed in claim 1 characterized in installing another resonator further than said dielectric resonator in said cut-off waveguide.

19. (New) A dielectric filter claimed in claim 3 characterized in installing another resonator further than said dielectric resonator in said cut-off waveguide.

20. (New) A dielectric filter claimed in claim 4 characterized in installing another resonator further than said dielectric resonator in said cut-off waveguide.